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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SELF-HELP (SSH) COLD STORAGE FACILITIES

REF: BUJUMBURA 297

1. THANKS FOR INFO CONTAINED IN PARAS 1, 2 AND 3 OF
REFTEL WHICH ANSWERED QUESTIONS WE POSED IN STATE 74017.

2. WE FULLY APPRECIATE GRB'S DESIRE TO INCREASE CAPACITY
OF REFRIGERATION UNIT TO MEET GROWING NEEDS, BUT THIS
TYPE OF ADDITION RAISES QUESTIONS IN LIGHT OF GUIDELINE
IN AID'S MANUAL ORDERS TO HOLD INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS TO
\$25,000.

3. IN RESPONSE EMBASSY'S QUESTIONS IN PARAS 4 AND 5
REFTEL: (1) COST OF 1,200 CU. FT. BOX HAS INCREASED
CONSIDERABLY SINCE SEPTEMBER 1974 AND (2) "YES" A
SECOND MOTOR WOULD BE NEEDED IF 1,200 CU. FT. BOX USED
IN PLACE OF 600 CU. FT. BOX NOW IN IAA. TOTAL ADDITIONAL
COST OF 1,200 CU. FT. BOX, SECOND MOTOR AND INCREASED
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PACKAGING FOR LARGER SHIPMENT AMOUNTS TO \$8,169 RPT

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4. BECAUSE OF THIS INCREASED COST FOR NEW EQUIPMENT
ANOTHER IAA WOULD BE REQUIRED, AND WE WOULD NORMALLY
OPPOSE CHANGE TO 1,200 CU. FT. BOX. FINAL JUDGMENT,
HOWEVER, REMAINS WITH AMB ON WHETHER VALUE OF THIS
ENLARGEMENT IN TERMS OF US INTERESTS JUSTIFIES INCREASED
COST THIS INDIVIDUAL PROJECT. (CHANGE TO 1,200 CU. FT.
BOX WOULD OF COURSE REQUIRE GRB TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL
\$2,043 -- 25 PERCENT OF \$8,169.)

5. IN VIEW REFTEL, WE HAVE REQUESTED SUPPLIER TO DELAY
PRODUCTION OF 600 CU. FT. BOX. PRODUCTION OF OTHER
ITEMS IS CONTINUING WITHOUT DELAY. PLEASE CABLE
IMMEDIATELY WHETHER AMBASSADOR BELIEVES 1,200 CU. FT.
BOX SHOULD REPLACE 600 CU. FT. BOX WITH OTHER NECESSARY
CHANGES AT SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL COST. ON "DELICATE"
PROJECT SUCH AS THIS ONE WITH OVER FOUR-YEAR HISTORY OF
UPS AND DOWNS, BELIEVE IT NECESSARY TO KEEP EVERYTHING
ON TRACK. SUPPLIER OF 600 CU. FT. BOX MUST BE INFORMED
OF DECISION ASAP. KISSINGER

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